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Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—" In the answer it is stated that the 'Government are not aware whether or no these figures are correct'. Will they care to ascertain whether these figures are correct now at least ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I shall enquire."

Revision of the pay of police constables in the City.

*761-A Q.—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that most of the sergeants are not literate and cannot even properly write and read English ;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that in cities like Colombo, Shanghai, Hongkong and Bombay with a large European population, Indian ex-Military officers are appointed as sergeants on a lesser pay than here, without prejudice to efficiency or success ;

(*c*) if so, why the same system is not followed in Madras ;

(*d*) whether Mr. Cunningham's contemplated scheme of the revision of pay of the European subordinates alone has created considerable discontent amongst Indian constabulary and other subordinate officers ;

(*e*) whether the constables have been agitating for more pay during the last many years and especially in 1927 and whether they threatened even to strike ; and

(*f*) whether since these reorganization proposals were published in a local paper a persistent and anonymous propaganda by letters and posters and post cards has been carried on by the constabulary not to receive their pay and finally to strike till the question of their pay is considered before the question of the sergeants' pay is decided ?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information regarding Shanghai, Colombo or Hongkong. In Bombay there is a force of 60 Sergeants employed on duties similar to those of the Sergeants in Madras.

(*d*) The hon. Member is in error in suggesting that the European subordinates alone would benefit under the Commissioner's proposals. The Government are not aware of any discontent amongst the constabulary or other police subordinates in the City.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) There have been some attempts to undermine the loyalty of the force but there is no information that these letters, etc., emanated from members of the force.

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*d*) of this question, may I know whether the Indian subordinates are likely to benefit by these proposals and if so to what extent ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I am unable to disclose at this stage what the proposals are, since they are under the consideration of Government."

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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*d*) of the question, may I know whether the Government have allowed any channel for the expression of discontent of the constabulary or police subordinates in the city ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Notice, Sir."

Alleged threatening of police constables agitating for revision of pay.

* 761-B Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that orders have been issued by the superior police officers especially in the City of Madras threatening with instant dismissal those constables who agitate for revision of pay ;

(*b*) whether such notices have been posted on the notice boards of each police station ; and

(*c*) whether a constable in Vepery division has been dismissed as he was suspected of having expressed his grievance to an important Political Leader ?

A.—(*a*) No.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) No.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether any constable has been dismissed at all in the Vepery division recently ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Notice."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether there is any charge against any constable that he has given information to an important political leader ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Notice, Sir."

Proposed creation of the post of a Coroner for Madras City.

* 762-A Q.—Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is proposed to employ a Coroner for the City of Madras ;

(*b*) if so, on what salary and on what terms ; and

(*c*) what will be the recurring and non-recurring expenditure involved in the creation of such an office ?

A.—(*a*) No.
(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

Statistics of inquests in Calcutta, Bombay and Rangoon.

* 762-B Q.—Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government have statistics of inquests in the cities of Calcutta, Bombay and Rangoon and place the same on the table ?

A.—The Government have no information.